

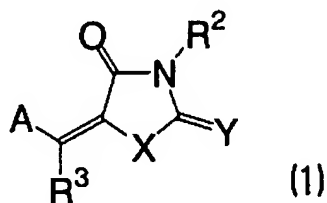
AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

1. (currently amended): A photosensitive composition containing:

(A) a sensitizing dye represented by the following formula (1):



wherein A represents an optionally substituted aromatic ring or heterocyclic ring; X represents an oxygen atom; Y represents N(R¹); R¹, R², and R³ each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a monovalent non-metallic atomic group; and A and R¹, R² or R³ may be bonded to each other to form an aliphatic or aromatic ring;

(B) an initiator compound capable of generating a radical, an acid, or a base; and

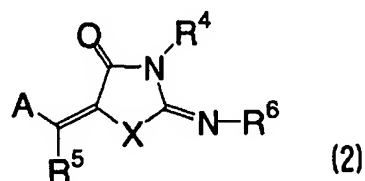
(C) a compound whose physical or chemical characteristic irreversibly changes by at least one of a radical, an acid, and a base,

wherein the initiator compound (B) is a hexaaryl biimidazole or a bisacyl phosphine.

2. (original): The photosensitive composition according to claim 1, further containing (D) a binder polymer.

3. (original): The photosensitive composition according to claim 1, further containing (E-1) a cosensitizer.

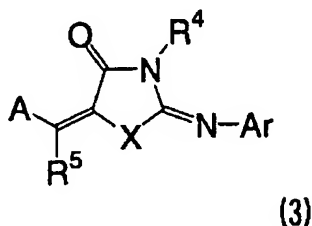
4. (currently amended): A compound represented by the following formula (2):



wherein A represents an optionally substituted aromatic ~~ring~~ or heterocyclic ring; X represents an oxygen atom; R⁴ and R⁵ each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a monovalent non-metallic atomic group; R⁶ ~~is represents~~ a substituted aryl group wherein the sum of the Hammett's values on the substituent group(s) of the substituted aryl group is greater than 0; and A and R⁴, R⁵ or R⁶ may be bonded to each other to form an aliphatic or aromatic ring.

5. (currently amended): A photosensitive composition containing:

(A-1) a sensitizing dye represented by the following formula (3):



wherein A represents an optionally substituted aromatic ~~ring~~ or heterocyclic ring; X represents an oxygen atom, a sulfur atom, or -N(R¹)-; R¹, R⁴ and R⁵ each independently

represents a hydrogen atom or a monovalent non-metallic atomic group; A and R¹, R⁴ or R⁵ may be bonded to each other to form an aliphatic or aromatic ring; and Ar represents an aromatic ring or heterocyclic ring having ~~a~~ at least one substituent group, ~~providing provided~~ that substituent ~~having a total for the sum of the Hamet's-Hammett's value-values of more of the substituent~~ group(s) on the Ar skeleton is greater than 0 is present on the Ar skeleton;

(B-1) a hexaaryl biimidazole ~~or a bisacyl phosphine~~; and

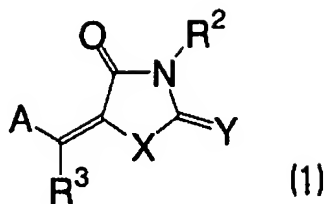
(C-1) an addition polymerizable compound capable of being reacted by at least one of a radical, an acid and a base.

6. (original): The photosensitive composition according to claim 5, further containing (D) a binder polymer.

7. (original): The photosensitive composition according to claim 5, further containing (E-1) a cosensitizer.

8. (currently amended): ~~The A~~ photosensitive composition ~~according to claim~~ containing:

(A) a sensitizing dye represented by the following formula (1):

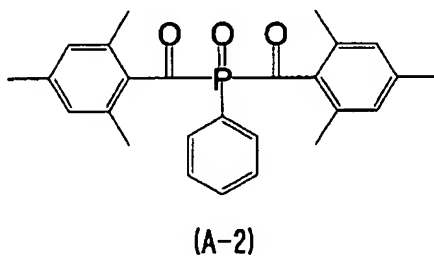


wherein A represents an optionally substituted aromatic or heterocyclic ring; X represents an oxygen atom; Y represents N(R¹); R¹, R², and R³ each independently represents a hydrogen atom or a monovalent non-metallic atomic group; and A and R¹, R² or R³ may be bonded to each other to form an aliphatic or aromatic ring;

(B) an initiator compound capable of generating a radical, an acid, or a base; and

(C) a compound whose physical or chemical characteristics irreversibly change by at least one of a radical, an acid, and a base,

wherein the initiator compound (B) is



9. (new): The compound according to claim 4, wherein R⁶ represents a trifluoromethyl group, a carbonyl group, an ester group, a halogen atom, a nitro group, a cyano group, a sulfoxide group, an amide group, or a carboxyl group.